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January 21, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 January 21, 2014

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR
AS-NEEDED ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION SERVICES
FOR PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute five separate supplemental consultant services agreements with UltraSystems Environmental; AECOM Technical Services, Inc.; Chambers Group, Inc.; ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc.; and Sapphos Environmental, Inc., for as-needed environmental documentation services for various County projects.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute supplemental consultant services agreements for the preparation of environmental documents with UltraSystems Environmental; Chambers Group, Inc.; ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc.; and Sapphos Environmental, Inc., for contract extensions of 1 year with a 1-year renewal option with no increase in the not-to-exceed contract amount and with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for an agreement extension of 1 year with a 1-year renewal option with an increase in the not-to-exceed contract amount of \$1,000,000.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Works or her designee to exercise the 1-year renewal options on the above-referenced five consultant service agreements at the discretion of the Director of Public Works or her designee based upon the level of satisfaction with the services provided.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to extend five as-needed consultant services agreements for environmental documentation and regulatory compliance services and to increase the not-to-exceed amount of one of those contracts by \$1,000,000. The time extensions will provide for uninterrupted environmental consultant services for ongoing projects while the Department of Public Works completes the Request for Proposal process for new consultants. It will also obviate the possible need for new consultants to spend considerable time becoming familiar with suspended projects and ensure that environmental documents being prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) are completed by the same consultant.

The not-to-exceed amount for each of the five consultant agreements is \$2,500,000. The current remaining capacity as of November 14, 2013, under each of the consultant agreements is as follows:

- UltraSystems Environmental – \$1,358,952.98
- Chambers Group, Inc. – \$870,434.75
- ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. – \$1,119,896.57
- Sapphos Environmental, Inc. – \$1,914,671.77
- AECOM Technical Services, Inc. – \$321,456.15

During the extension period, Public Works anticipates issuing additional task orders to AECOM Technical Services, Inc., for continuing work on ongoing projects, including the State Route 126/Commerce Center Drive Interchange and Topanga Underground Utility projects, which will exceed that firm's current contracting capacity. Therefore, we are requesting that the contract amount for AECOM Technical Services, Inc., be increased from \$2,500,000 to \$3,500,000 to cover this upcoming work.

Upcoming work valued at approximately \$2,000,000 has also been identified for the other four consultants, including the Quartz Hill Library project, the Oxford Retention Basin Multiuse Enhancement project, and the County Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program. This work can be accommodated within the existing contract capacity of the respective consultants.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) because the expertise and experience to perform the required services are not currently available at Public Works.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The current not-to-exceed contract amount for each of the five consultants is \$2,500,000, totaling \$12,500,000. We are requesting that the not-to-exceed amount of the contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., be increased by \$1,000,000. The total monetary amount for all approved work will not collectively exceed the revised aggregate not-to-exceed contract amount of \$13,500,000 for the five consultants, including the additional \$1,000,000 for AECOM Technical Services, Inc., nor will the total amount of work for any consultant exceed the respective not-to-exceed amount of its contract.

Each task order undertaken will be encumbered in appropriate funds, including, but not limited to, Flood, Road, Waterworks District No. 29, Malibu, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N33), Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund (N64), Proposition C Local Return, Enhanced Unincorporated Area Services (Proposition 62), Transit Enterprise, Bikeway, and Solid Waste Management in the Fiscal Year 2013–14 Budgets. Future funding will be incorporated in the annual budget process. Funds will be encumbered at the time each task order is undertaken.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The services by the five consultants are needed on a continuing and ongoing basis in order to maintain the environmental compliance of Public Works' construction, maintenance, and emergency projects.

The supplemental agreements will extend the agreements by 1 year, and will include 1-year renewal options that may be exercised in the discretion of the Director of Public Works or her designee. The supplemental agreements will also be updated to include an automatic extension provision that is now standard in Public Works' as-needed consultant services agreements, which provides as follows: Where services for a given project have been authorized but are not completed prior to the stated expiration date, the expiration date is automatically extended to allow for the completion of such services. The supplemental consultant services agreements will be in the form reviewed and approved by County Counsel. The original agreement with UltraSystems Environmental; AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (formerly EDAW, Inc.); Chambers Group, Inc.; ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. (formerly Jones and Stokes Associates, Inc.); and Sapphos Environmental, Inc., were solicited on an open competitive basis and are in accordance with the applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The consultants are in compliance with the Chief Executive Officer's and the Board's requirements.

The original consultant services agreements contain terms and conditions supporting the Board's ordinances, policies, and programs, including, but not limited to, County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work, Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for agreement termination or renegotiation.

Community Business Enterprise participation data, required certification forms, and 3-year contracting history with the County are on file with Public Works for UltraSystems Environmental; AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (formerly EDAW, Inc.); Chambers Group, Inc.; ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc. (formerly Jones and Stokes Associates, Inc.); and Sapphos Environmental, Inc.

The consultant services agreements include a cost of living adjustment provision in accordance with the Board Policy, which was approved on January 29, 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(5) of CEQA Guidelines and Section 307.B.(3) of the Environmental Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by the Board, the proposed actions are an administrative activity that will not cause a physical change in the environment and, therefore, do not constitute a project and are not subject to the requirements of CEQA. Appropriate environmental documents will be prepared when any projects developed under these agreements are brought to the Board.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The Board, on December 2, 2008, Synopsis 40, authorized the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute consultant services agreements in order to support environmental compliance of Public Works' construction, maintenance, and emergency projects with UltraSystems Environmental; effective January 15, 2009; EDAW, Inc. (now known as AECOM Technical Services, Inc.); effective January 28, 2008; Chambers Group, Inc.; effective January 26, 2009; Sapphos Environmental Inc.; effective February 19, 2009; and Jones and Stokes Associates, Inc. (now known as ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc.); effective January 26, 2009. In addition, on March 2, 2012, the Director of Public Works entered into Supplemental Agreement 1 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., as the successor in interest in and to Agreement PW13246 with EDAW, Inc. The agreements are for as-needed environmental consultant services for a 3-year period with two 1-year renewal options for a total fee not to exceed \$2,500,000 each, for a total of \$12,500,000.

The agreements are scheduled to expire, respectively, on January 26, 2014 (UltraSystems Environmental); February 11, 2014 (EDAW, Inc., now known as AECOM Technical Services); February 17, 2014 (Chambers Group, Inc.); June 2, 2014 (Sapphos Environmental); and August 9, 2014 (Jones and Stokes Associates, Inc., now known as ICF Jones and Stokes, Inc.). All consultants are currently working on a number of ongoing projects for which either CEQA compliance or regulatory permit procurement is underway and future services will be required.

A Request for Proposal is currently in process to secure a new list of consultants. However, the new list of consultants will not be available before the existing agreements expire. Therefore, to provide the most effective and efficient services for ongoing projects and to minimize project delays, it is desirable to supplement the current agreements with additional time, and for one agreement, add additional funding capacity. The 1-year extension will allow uninterrupted environmental services. It will also obviate the need for a new consultant to spend considerable time becoming familiar with ongoing projects and to redo the CEQA documents that are in progress.

The one 1-year renewal option will only be used in the event that the Request for Proposals process for new consultants takes longer than expected due to compliance with new Federal contracting requirements. The additional \$1,000,000 for AECOM Technical Services, Inc., will provide for continuing work on ongoing projects currently assigned to the consultant. Enclosure 1 contains a list of current active projects that these consultants are involved with.

The effective date of the supplement consultant services agreements will be established based on the expiration dates of the current environmental consultant services agreements.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Execution of these supplemental agreements will provide ongoing environmental services in an efficient manner, therefore, enhancing the delivery of Public Works' construction programs.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office

ENCLOSURE 1

Project Name
108th Street, et al.
135th Street
166th Street, et al.
170th Street E Bike Lane
30th W- Avenue A/Avenue D, et al.
59th Street - La Tijera Boulevard/Fairfax Avenue, et al.
75th Street E, et al.
90th Street E/87th Street E Bike Lane
Access Road Repair - Little Dalton Diversion and Sierra Madre Villa Channel
Admiralty Way at Via Marina
Admiralty Way Settlement Repair
Alamitos Bay Pump Station, Discharge Pipe Supports
Allston Street, et al.
Angeles Forest Highway, et al., Phase 2
Avenue L widening from 40th Street W to 57th Street W
Avenue E at Sierra Highway
Avenue J over Little Rock Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 53C-0616)
Ballentine Place, et al.
Belmont Shore Pump Station
Big Tujunga Canyon Road at Mile Marker 0.40
Bradbury Channel and Big Dalton Wash Invert Access Ramps
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 1
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 2
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 3
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 4
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 5
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 6
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 7
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 8
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 9
Bridge Preventive Maintenance Program Group 10
Budlong Avenue -Manchester Avenue/El Segundo Boulevard -SR2S Program
Centinela Avenue, et al.
Chapman Woods, Fairview, and Michillinda Park Streetscape Improvements
Circle Drive over Virginia Road Bridge (Bridge No. 53C-1673)
Circle Trail over Topanga Canyon Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 53C-0970)
Colima Road - City of Whittier boundary to Fullerton Road
Compton Boulevard over Compton Creek Bridge (Bridge No. 53C-0925)
Compton Creek Pump Station, Unit 1, Pump Station Upgrade
Corley Drive, et al.
County Bicycle Master Plan update

ENCLOSURE 1

Project Name
Culvert Upgrades, Phase 2
Culvert Upgrades, Phase 3
Culvert Upgrades, Phase 4
Daryn Drive, et al.
Dawn Haven Road, et al.
Del Mar Avenue over Alhambra Wash Bridge
Doublegrove Street, et al.
Duff Avenue, et al. - Phase I
East Avenue O Bike Lane
East Fork Road over East Fork San Gabriel River (Bridge No. 53C-0007)
East Fork Road over North Fork San Gabriel River (Bridge No. 53C-0070)
East Los Angeles Community Road Improvement
Eastside Light Rail Bike Interface
El Segundo Boulevard - Avalon Boulevard/Central Avenue, et al.
Elizabeth Lake Road - 2453' west of Munz Ranch Road/2095' East of Bouquet Canyon Road
Emerald Necklace Bike Trail
Esperanza Avenue, et al.
Fiji Way Roadway Improvements
Firestone Boulevard - Central Avenue/Graham Avenue, et al.
Fitch Avenue over Mint Canyon Wash (Bridge No. 53C-0986)
Foothill Boulevard - Rosemead Boulevard/Michillinda Avenue, et al.
Fullerton Road Corridor Improvements
Garo Street, et al.
Gretna Avenue, et al.
Hacienda Boulevard at Gale Avenue Environmental Impact Report
Hacienda Channel Low Flow construction and Trigger Lane DRI Relocation
Hasley Hills South Phase
Hasley Hills North Phase
Heller Circle -Whites Canyon Road/Plum Canyon Road (north)
Hume Road 3-Year Restoration Performance Monitoring and Reporting
Huntington Drive - San Gabriel Boulevard to Michillinda Avenue
I-605 Hot Spots Roadway Improvements
Los Angeles River - City of Cudahy, Vegetation and Irrigation Clearing
Latigo Canyon Road at CM 4.87 Slope Repair
Lennox Community Road Improvements, Phase II
Little Tujunga Canyon Road Over Buck Canyon (Bridge No. 53C-0967)
Little Tujunga Canyon Road over Pacoima Creek (Bridge No. 53C-0969)
Lynd Avenue, et al.
Malibu Road over Malibu Creek Bridge Replacement
Mayflower Avenue south of Lynd Avenue

ENCLOSURE 1

Project Name
McDonnell Avenue, et al.
Meisner Street, et al.
Mint Canyon Channel - Invert Access Ramp
Mureau Road – 4194' west of Mountain View Drive to 1592' west of Ventura Freeway
Mureau Road Bike Lane Project
New York Drive - Lake Avenue/120' west of Altadena Drive, et al.
North County Bikeways
Norwalk Boulevard, et al.
Old Canyon Roadway Improvement
Overhill Drive - Slauson Avenue to Stocker Street
Oxford Retention Basin Multiuse Enhancement
Pacific Boulevard at California Street Crosswalk Improvements
Pathfinder Road - Fullerton Road/1,300' east of Fullerton Road
Peck Road over San Gabriel River (Bridge No. 53C-0617 L&R)
Pico/Lyons Avenue Landscaping
Pine Canyon Road, et al.
PowerHouse Fire Emergency Permits
Quarry Clasp/Peck Park Bike Trail
Quartz Hill Elementary School Traffic Improvements
Quartz Hill South, et al.
Reconstruction of Access Road - Private Drain No. T669
Roosevelt Elementary School SRTS
San Francisquito Canyon Road over San Francisquito Canyon Creek (Bridge No. 53C-0518)
San Francisquito Canyon Road over San Francisquito Canyon Creek (Bridge No. 53C-0519)
San Francisquito Canyon Road over San Francisquito Canyon Creek (Bridge No. 53C-0517)
Santa Fe Avenue - Del Amo Boulevard to 700' north of SPBG 495.6 C
Santa Monica Rubber Dam Permits
Sierra Highway Over Santa Clara River (Bridge No. 53C-1777)
Slauson Avenue over San Gabriel River BNSF, SCRRA & UPRR (Bridge No. 53C-0084)
Slauson Avenue Revitalization
Soledad Canyon Road over LAMTA & UPRR Tracks (Bridge No. 53C-0555)
Soledad Canyon Road over Santa Clara River (Bridge No. 53C-0488)
Spardra Recycled Asphalt Facility Negative Declaration
Sun Valley Watershed Upper Storm Drain System, Phase 1
Susana Road - Long Beach Freeway/1450 North Las Hermanas Street
The Old Road at Castaic Creek
The Old Road over Santa Clara River
Third Street and La Verne Avenue Parking
Traffic Improvements near Eastman Elementary School
Tranbarger Street, et al.
Vera Canyon Drive, et al.

ENCLOSURE 1

Project Name
Vermont Avenue and 119th Street Traffic Improvements
Vermont Avenue -Manchester Boulevard/El Segundo Boulevard (CFP)
Via Marina - Panay Way to 1,727' south of Bora Bora Way
Via Padova, et al.
West Rancho Dominguez Monument
Westmont Community Bikeway Access Improvements
Whiteman Airport Plan Mitigated Negative Declaration
Whites Channel - PD 453
Whiteside Street, et al.
Willowbrook Area Access Improvements to MLK MACC
Wilmington Avenue - Del Amo Boulevard to 200' south of Victoria Street
Wilmington Avenue over Compton Creek (Bridge No. 53C-0907)
Wilshire Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit
Wilshire Boulevard, et al.
Wiseburn Community Roadway Improvement